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Amity, Maine Man Pleads Guilty to Federal Firearms Charges

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Marlin Hostetler**, 29, of Amity, Maine, pled guilty on January 25, 2007 in U.S. District in Bangor to Possession of Firearms by a Person Previously Convicted of Misdemeanor Crime of Domestic Violence.

Hostetler was indicted on November 15, 2006. Hostetler faces a possible sentence of up to 10 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$250,000.

Court records reveal that in September 2006, Hostetler was found in possession of a 12 gauge Winchester 1200 shotgun. In 2003 Hostetler had been convicted in Maine District Court in Aroostook County of Domestic Assault on his wife. As a person previously convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, Hostetler is prohibited from owning firearms. This case is part of Maine's Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative, which is designed to reduce gun violence in the State of Maine.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Eastern Maine Violent Crime Task Force.

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